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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Retail demand was generally fair, best where features were planned or in progress. Food Service ranged fair to good, best into fast food. Supplies were in close balance to short on heavier weights, generally balanced on the smaller sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were tight, leg items were in close balance and clearing. Wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to light, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 60.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 71.00 cents last year on the 12th of August, 1998.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	167.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	51.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 8/07/99	1999	1998	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	178,999	174,825	+02
CHICKS PLACED	144,988	139,031	+04

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending August 7, 1999. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 7, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through August 7, 1999, were 4.49 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 70.56 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings in closer position on weights under 3 pounds and heavier weights tight. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where features in progress. Floor stocks were adequate. The market was firm on bone-in breasts, leg quarters showed some strength and balance of parts generally steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Offerings were in good balance on the heavier sizes, adequate on smaller sizes. Retail movement fair to fairly good. Supplies were in close balance. In the parts complex, breast items were firm, steady to fully steady on the balance. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate with weights ranging light to desirable, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment on whole fryers was at least steady. Offerings on whole fryers were light to moderate. Retail and food service movement was light to fair in all areas with food service in Chicago reported as moderate to good. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with sizes in a desirable range. In the parts complex, trading was light to fair with breast items the most active call. A major chain in the Detroit area featuring boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99. Supplies were adequate to short on breast items and adequate to long on the balance of items. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on breast items, barely steady to weak on wings and steady for the balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair. Offerings were usually sufficient to cover current needs with some tightness reported on heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was irregular with dealers having difficulty finding direction. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts market, breast items were often noted as difficult to locate, and the balance of items were at least adequate to meet current needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained good and was sufficient to keep the bulk of offerings well cleared to short of inquiry, particularly on the larger sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 51 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, sentiment was steady to firm, but was also cautious in some instances. Breast cuts were in short supply. Leg items were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	47-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.30
NO. OF BOXES	6,897

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 11, 1999

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	536	135.00-187.00	150-155	154.27	BREAST - B/S	402	135.00-187.00	150-155	157.09
TENDERLOINS	104	131.00-190.00	145-150	148.37	TENDERLOINS	109	131.00-190.00	135-140	147.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	213	71.00-74.00	71-72	71.56	BREAST - LINE RUN	216	71.00-73.00	71-72	71.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	208	24.00-34.00	25-27	25.54	LEGS	208	24.00-34.00	24-26	25.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	121	14.00-18.50	-	16.19	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	161	14.00-18.50	16-17	16.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,760	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.17	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,720	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	167	47.00-53.00	47-49	49.94	WINGS (WHOLE)	167	47.00-53.00	47-48	49.94
WINGS (CUT)	579	57.00-68.00	57-59	59.02	WINGS (CUT)	744	52.00-68.00	55-58	57.79
DRUMSTICKS	88	24.00-34.00	-	24.91	DRUMSTICKS	88	24.00-34.00	-	24.91
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	190	55.00-71.00	-	59.68	B/S THIGHS	172	50.00-71.00	-	59.48

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 10, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE
36.50-41.75 39.20

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 11, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S 5-DAY
AVERAGE AVERAGE
39.50 - 41.75 40.57 38.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was curtailed somewhat by the limited product availability. Offerings were generally in close balance with needs, and breast items were often reported as difficult to locate. Retail and distributive movement was mixed with dealers closely watching for further signs to accurately assess needs. The market tone remained firm on breast items and was steady to fully steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES AUGUST 10, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	155-160	157.55	440,326	
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.01	41,237	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	73.18	177,760	
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	69.65	110,440	
LEGS	27-28	31.66	151,560	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.08	384,107	
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	31.69	77,710	
THIGHS	17-18	28.31	61,280	
B/S THIGHS	70-71	69.35	30,610	
WINGS (WHOLE)	45-46	51.95	187,360	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.27	24,600	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.00	13,066	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.87	29,010	

AUGUST 11, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	160-165	161.58	434,720	
TENDERLOINS	130-135	131.35	34,080	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	77.99	226,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	73.36	87,640	
LEGS	27-28	31.84	140,000	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	18.61	343,640	
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	32.70	64,190	
THIGHS	18-19	22.77	146,540	
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.25	27,880	
WINGS (WHOLE)	45-46	53.43	236,744	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.21	18,720	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.69	13,480	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	40.99	31,440	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	08/11	08/10	08/09	08/06	08/09	08/06	08/04	08/02
ALA	3,773	3,821	3,825	4,191	4.89	4.89	3,778	4.90
ARK	4,908	5,164	4,948	5,698	4.66	4.57	5,054	4.73
DELMARVA	2,444	2,502	2,436	2,323	4.99	4.81	2,456	4.96
KY-LA-TN	1,816	1,788	1,603	1,718	4.36	4.35	1,705	4.41
MISS	2,764	2,763	2,777	2,589	4.84	4.80	2,710	4.82
NC	2,593	2,586	2,522	2,982	5.48	5.36	2,569	5.44
TEXAS	2,049	2,040	2,037	2,289	4.53	4.48	1,898	4.67
TOTAL	20,347	20,664	20,148	21,790	4.83	4.77	20,170	4.86
MON-WED 61,532 (A)							60,361 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Aug 99 is estimated to be 30,441,000 up 0.57 percent from a week ago and up 4.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,267,000; last year 29,014,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP		82-90
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		83-88
DUCKS		135
RABBITS-WHOLE		309
RABBITS-CUT UP		326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/14/99 (1)	08/07/99
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	156,034 (2)	158,837
LT HENS	2,134	2,139
HVY HENS	1,564	1,508
CHECK TOTAL	159,732	162,484

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Aug-99 is 155.9 million head compared to 150.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.9 million head or 2.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Aug-99 the estimated available is 155.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 9-Aug-99	194,062	96,154
AM 1-Aug-99	195,480	94,776
CHG	-1,418	1,378
PCT CHG	-1	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/9/99	08/2/99	08/10/98	08/9/99	08/2/99	08/10/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	38,349	39,503	42,476	18,937	19,056	8,834
LOS						
ANGELES	1,185	1,142	482	8,547	9,103	2,814

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/10/99

	LO HI AVG				LO HI AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	1.25	.52	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.15	.78	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.75	-
BROILERS lb.	.65	.70	.67	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.70	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.95	1.60	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	2.25	5.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.35	1.10	.82	ROOSTERS ea.	1.25	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	3.25	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.35	-	DUCKS ea.	-	4.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.45	.90	.64	RABBITS ea.	-	1.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.50	8.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.00	4.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	1.75	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	8.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 97

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 09, 1999.

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		60-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 30, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs Livers/ & Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	57.06	116.05	72.53	24.18	4.84	43.52
High	58.99	135.39	87.04	29.01	5.80	43.52
Mostly	58.02	125.72	82.20	24.18	4.84	43.52

SAN JUAN

Low	59.96	101.54	67.70	26.59	5.80	55.61
High	60.93	120.88	77.37	31.43	8.70	55.61
Mostly	60.93	116.05	67.70	29.01	7.25	55.61

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	55.61	106.38	72.53	19.34	4.84	43.52
High	58.99	125.72	82.20	29.01	5.80	43.52
Mostly	58.99	120.88	82.20	19.34	4.84	43.52

BECERRA

Low	59.96	106.38	72.53	21.76	7.25	55.61
High	60.93	125.72	74.95	31.43	8.70	55.61
Mostly	60.44	116.05	72.53	24.18	7.25	55.61

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